**The Populist Party**

**Directions:** For homework complete the questions we did not finish in class. You can access the powerpoint by visiting my wikispace – (<https://bartelsusacp.wikispaces.com/An+Economic+History+of+the+United+States)>

and view the powerpoint titled “Populist Party” listed under the class # 13 agenda.

1. *Slide 4:* Based on the political cartoon, what are the farmer’s complaints?
2. Slide 5: Did the view Famer’s held of themselves match the reality of America in the 1880’s? Explain.
3. *Slide 6:* By 1890, identify the number and title of political positions that was elected by the various farmer alliances.
4. *Slide 8:* Based on their platform, how did the Populist view the role of government?
5. *Slide 9:* Explain/define the gold standard? Is our currency still based on the gold standard today (this is not an answer on the slide)?
6. *Slide 10:* According to farmers, how would the introduction of silver in our economy help?
7. *Slide 11:* According to Populists, by the government withholding silver, what is happening?
8. *S*lide *12:* Draw conclusions from the map about the power of the Populists in 1892.
9. *Slide 13:* Why did the Panic of 1893 occur?
10. *Slide 14:*  How did the Panic of 1893 help the Populists gain support?
11. *Slide 16:* Describe the political experience of William Jennings Bryan.
12. *Slide 17-18*: What is the significance of Bryan’s “Cross of Gold Speech”?
13. *S*lide 19: Why did the Populist support Bryan?
14. *Slide 20:* Draw conclusions from the map of the election of 1896 regarding the power of Populists.
15. *Slide 21:*  What was the significance of the election of 1896?
16. *Slide 23:* What is the legacy of Populism?

DO NOT ANSWER THE BELOW QUESTIONS- THESE WILL BE ADDRESSED IN CLASS

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| Focus Questions: (These are the questions that you will be responsible for writing a response to on the poster paper hanging around the room)   * What was the Populist Movement? * Who did it appeal to and why? * How was it a response to the Gilded Age? * Why wasn’t it successful? * What was its legacy on the shifting size and scope (extent it deals with) of the national government? |